

ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 423  
4000 Arlington Boulevard  
Arlington  
Arlington County  
Virginia

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# HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY

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Location: Located in the southwest quadrant of Arlington Hall Station approximately 420 feet north of the South George Mason Drive entrance and directly south of Building 401. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.

Significance: Constructed in 1944 as a motor repair shop, Building 423 was part of the second major phase of construction initiated by the U.S. Army at Arlington Hall Station, formerly Arlington Hall Junior College (1927-1942). It is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-1270).

Description: Building 423 is a rectangular concrete block building with an addition on the north and an extension on the east. The main block is an exaggerated single story building measuring approximately 120 feet by 30 feet. The south facade includes three automotive bays, while the west facade includes two automotive bays and a car wash bay, measuring 30 feet by 60 feet, located at the far north end of the main block.

An L-shaped, low single story office extension, measuring approximately 50 feet by 30 feet by 20 feet, is located at the east end of the main block. The office extension contains rectangular window openings with six-over-six and eight-over-eight double-hung wood sash. The automotive bays have overhead garage doors. Each section of the building has a flat roof. The two-bay section includes lapped tile capping on the parapet.

History: Building 423 was built as a motor repair shop in 1944. The original building plan incorporated an L-shape office space and a three-bay automotive garage. A two-bay garage was added at right angles to the original block. A 1962 addition north of these two bays added a single bay car wash.

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